

REMARKS

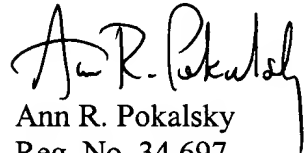
In response to the office action of April 21, 2006, Applicants have canceled claims 60-92, which, when considered with the following remarks and terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, is deemed to place the present application in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of pending claims 2, 5, 7-11, 14, 17, 21, 24-25, 27, 30, 36-41, 43-45, 47-50 and 52-57, is respectfully requested.

In the April 21, 2006 office action, claims 60-92 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In order to advance prosecution of this application, claims 60-92 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims. In view of the cancellation of claims 60-92, the rejection of such claims is moot.

Claims 2, 5, 7-11, 14, 17, 21, 24-25, 27, 30, 36-41, 43-45, 47-50, 52-57 and 60-92 remain rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,710,227 and claims 1, 4-9 and 13-23 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/688,291. As discussed above, claims 60-92 are presently canceled without prejudice from the present application. Submitted herewith, is a terminal disclaimer, disclaiming that portion of any patent issuing from the present application which would extend past the term of the first to expire of U.S. Patent No. 6,710,227 and any patent issuing from U.S. Application No. 10/688,291. Withdrawal of the rejection as pertains to claims 2, 5, 7-11, 14, 17, 21, 24-25, 27, 30, 36-41, 43-45, 47-50, and 52-57, under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, is therefore warranted.

In view of the amendments to the claims, terminal disclaimer submitted herewith,
and the foregoing remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for
allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann R. Pokalsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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